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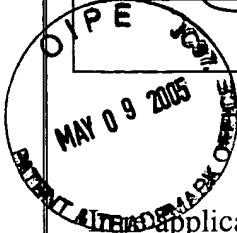
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

BEVERLY S. PACKARD and AKIRA KOMORIYA

Application No.: 09/874,350

Filed: 06/04/2001

For: **COMPOSITIONS FOR THE
DETECTION OF ENZYME ACTIVITY IN
BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES AND METHODS
OF USE THEREOF**

Examiner:

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2005, containing a Restriction Requirement. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for four months.